

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 are now pending in this application. By this response to the non-final Office Action dated September 11, 2007, claims 2, 3, and 5 are amended, and claim 1 cancelled. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following comments is respectfully solicited.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 2-5 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-5. Consistent with the Examiner's suggestion, claims 2, 3, and 5 have been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations previously recited in base claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit that independent claims 2, 3, and 5, as well as dependent claim 4, are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner's favorable reconsideration as to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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